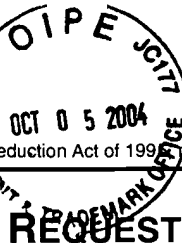


Stop RCE



Modified PTO/SB/30 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

RCE/371A
+ CFC

REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

09/677,577

Filing Date

October 3, 2000

First Named Inventor

MASUYAMA

Group Art Unit

3714

Examiner Name

White, C.

Attorney Docket Number

723-939

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Reply

10/06/2004 SDENBOB1 00000032 09677577

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

01 FC:1801

790.00 OP

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.b. ☒ Fees are attached as calculated below:i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$ 790.00ii. ☒ Petition is made to extend the due date 3 months (less _____ months previously paid) \$ 980.00iii. ☒ Other COPY OF FORM PTO-1449 AS FILED 12/29/03 AND RETURNED \$c. ☒ Check in the amount of 1770.00 enclosed \$d. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print Type)

Raymond Y. Ma

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)

41,426

Signature

Date

October 5, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Name (Print Type)

Signature

Date

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA

887227

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Patent Application of

MASUYAMA et al.

Atty. Ref.: 723-939

Serial No.: 09/677,577

Group Art Unit: 3714

Filed: October 3, 2000

Examiner: White, C.

For: GAME SYSTEM AND GAME INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM
USED FOR SAME

October 5, 2004

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was returned with the Office Action is attached hereto. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being concurrently filed herewith.

10/06/2004 SDENBOB1 00000032 09677577

02 FC:1253

980.00 0P